

SELWYN FROM THE LAND

DISCOVER THE HIDDEN GEMS IN THE SELWYN DISTRICT THIS SUMMER

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The days are definitely getting warmer in Selwyn and with summer holidays fast approaching, there are many ways you can get out and explore what the district has to offer.

COUNTRY GARDENS AT THEIR BEST

Get some great insight into the region when you take a tour at one of Selwyn's country gardens.

Summer is the best time to visit the multi award-winning Broadfield Gardens. With 20 different themed areas spread amongst three hectares there's plenty to see. The gardens feature a wide variety of native trees and shrubs with award-winning landscape design and a high standard of maintenance. We recommend you allow 1–1.5 hours to enjoy this space.

Casa Rossa Gardens are open again for the 2019/20 season and their peonies are blooming and the garden is looking lush and gorgeous. They're open by appointment until late March 2020.

For a truly unique experience, book your tickets now for the Gunyah Garden Party on 2 February 2020. Be immersed in the lavish gardens while enjoying an afternoon of tastings, garden games, live music and high tea. Tickets available are available at eventfinda.co.nz.

To find out more gardens on offer in Selwyn visit selwyn.nz



LOCAL PRODUCE ON OFFER

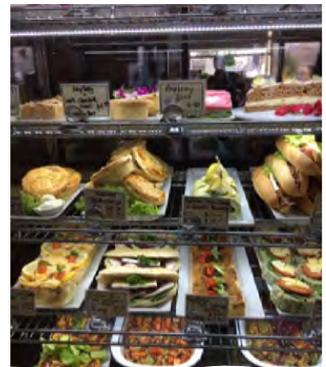
Come and meet some of Selwyn's relaxed locals, at their cafes and restaurants or vineyards.

Why not stop in at **The Store @ Tai Tapu** for a high tea or coffee? They offer a unique blend of on-site food using local produce and have gluten free and vegan options. Take the kids and relax while they play in the sand pit, plus pop into the gift shop for that special gift or treat for yourself.

Close by you can see the charming St Paul's Church and the old Tai Tapu Library – both completed in 1932. Or head to the Tai Tapu Domain playground, sports courts or golf course.

Be sure to stop in at **Straight Eight Estate** near Burnham for a free wine tasting, try some of their award-winning Rieslings.

A place not to miss is the factory shop at **Sovereign Salmon** in Hororata. The team manufacture hot and cold smoked salmon, plus a range of local produce is also on offer including award-winning cheeses, fruit pastes and terrines.



CHRISTO AND LUCY THE BUFFALO HERDERS

Christo Keijzer and Lucy Appleton decided to raise buffalo in 2008 on their lifestyle block in the Wairiri Valley, in Glenroy.

The farm is totally organic and opts for high quality living rather than being driven by quantity of product. "We wanted to do something sustainable, to set a worldwide example in a small way," Christo said.

Wairiri Water Buffalo produce yoghurt and cheeses, including halloumi, mozzarella and ricotta.

Read the full story at selwyn.nz



DAY OUT WITH THE FAMILY

Whether you're a local or going for a day trip, **The Laboratory** in Lincoln is a funky, family friendly brewpub serving craft beer brewed on-site and fabulous wood-fired pizzas, tasty tapas and desserts to die for.

For a unique experience, take a well-deserved break at the **Lincoln Apollo Cinema**, situated on site and showing all the latest films. Grab a drink, an ice cream or a snack to take in with you. Book online or drop into the bar to buy tickets. Yup, we've got all that in little old Lincoln!



SELWYN'S FARMERS MARKETS AND BERRY PICKING

Taste some local produce and chat with the local cheesemakers, truffle and saffron growers, nut growers, brewers and winemakers at one of the townships Farmer's Markets or directly at the farm gate.

For the berry lovers head to one of the local blueberry or gooseberry orchards and pick your own.

Blueberry Bliss Farm are open and offering seasonal blueberry picking until early March. Picking days are dependent on weather and fruit availability so before going visit their website.

Berries Direct are also open for blueberries and gooseberries and strive to produce a delicious berry while looking after the environment and soils.

Head to their farm shop for fresh or frozen berries, or head into the orchards and pick your own.

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT

Local markets:

Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market
Every Saturday 10am–1pm

Market @254 in West Melton
Every Saturday 9.30am–1pm

Prebbleton Community Market
First Sunday of each month 12–4pm

Darfield Farmers' Market
Every Saturday 9am–1pm

Rolleston Envirotown Market
Every second Sunday of the month 10am–1pm

Mark this date in your diaries now!

Leeston Fête
28 March 2020, 10am–3pm

SUMMER ON THE SLOPES

Whether you're in Selwyn for the hiking, biking or travelling on the road, refresh and revive at **Porters Lodge**. Their all-day menu has a variety of dishes sure to satisfy. Chill out on the sun deck with a local craft beer, a glass of wine or a coffee.

Explore the legendary **Castle Hill rocks**, disappear into the peaceful hiking trails, take in the stunning alpine vista, catch trophy trout or hurtle down one of the mountain bike trails on the **Craigieburn Range**, it's all on your doorstep. Adrenaline junkies will love the 2.3km, purpose-built mountain bike flow trails, starting and finishing right at the Porters Lodge.

If you're missing the snow already, why not be extra organised and take advantage of the Chill ski pass with a special deal available until 23 December. For details visit chillout.co.nz



EXPERIENCE GOLF IN SELWYN

Keen for a swing this summer? Go for a road trip out to Glentunnel where you will find the picturesque **Hororata Golf Club**. It's a course suitable for all levels with gear and cart hire available. **The Willows Café** also offers great coffee and delicious food, so why not admire the views of the course over some lunch.

Interested in trying out golf somewhere a little different? Head out to the Leeston area and you will find **Ellesmere Golf Club** with a course that provides a challenge to all golfers. After a round, head just 3 kilometres into Leeston where you will find **Suburban Eatery**; a space you'll feel at home in with a unique contemporary dining experience. Both cabinetry food, breakfast, lunch and dinner menus are available.

